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Kurnool-Cuddapah Canal, and (2) for replacing the old and damaged shutters of the anicut at Adinimayapalli across the river Pennar; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) A report has been called for from the Chief Engineer for Irrigation and it is awaited. The work of replacing the shutters of the anicut at Adinimayapalli has however been taken up and it is expected to be completed very soon."

SRI N. SIVARAMI REDDI :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether it is a fact that recently the local authorities have issued notices to all the owners of irrigable dry lands not to use K.C. Canal water for these lands even though these lands have been enjoying these facilities for many years past? With a view to save these ryots from the immense loss and distress which would otherwise be caused by the action of the local authorities, and with a view to promote food production, will the Hon. Minister take immediate action to restore irrigation facilities for these lands? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I do not know what the hon. Member is referring to. But I may tell him that there is an officer appointed for the purpose of localising the ayacut under the K.C. canal."

SRI M. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" May I know whether the K.C. canal is going to be remodelled as per the Khosla Committee's report to get sufficient supply of water to Cuddappah and Kurnool districts which will be more than what they are getting at present? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The report has not yet been received."

SRI K. KOTI REDDI :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister what steps have definitely been taken by the Government with regard to the remodelling of the K.C. Canal as per the recommendations of the Khosla Committee's report? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The investigation is being done, Sir."

Loss on account of accidents to Government buses.

* 526 Q.—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) whether there were any accidents to Government Transport buses during 1952 and if so, the causes for the same; and

(b) what the loss sustained by the Government on account of such accidents last year was?

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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) A statement[a] furnishing the information is laid on the table of the House.

" (b) The Government sustained a loss of Rs. 9,210-9-0 due to accidents in 1952."

SRI G. RAMA RAO :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government are paying anything to Government Transport servants who are involved in accidents, and if so how much money had been spent in 1952? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" There is an Accident Reserve Fund of Rs. 2 lakhs. If the hon. Member would like to know details of expenditure, I should like notice. A separate question may be put on the subject."

Agricultural loans in Anantapur district.

* 527 Q.—SRI S. NARAYANAPPA (on behalf of Sri K. V. Vema Reddi) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether, out of the Government grant of twelve and a half lakhs of rupees towards the agricultural loans, allotted for Anantapur district for the relief of the famine-affected agriculturists, about nine lakhs of rupees lapsed to the Government for want of personnel for the distribution of loans before March 1953?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The amount surrendered by the Collector of Anantapur under loans under Land Improvement Loans and Agricultural Loans Acts is Rs. 9,55,000 and the sum surrendered under pumping installations is Rs. 50,000. The surrender was not due to want of special staff."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" The point involved in this question is this. Out of 12½ lakhs of rupees sanctioned by the Government to be disbursed to the peasants under ' agricultural loans ', Rs. 9½ lakhs had been returned to the Government. May I know from the Hon. Minister, if this returning of the amount was not due to want of special staff for disbursement of loans, why was it that the Government got it back? Is it because the Government thought that loans to peasants should not be sanctioned or is it because the peasants have not applied for loans or is it because the Government thought that that money is being wasted? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The question and answer give a wrong impression. The hon. Member conveniently forgets that about Rs. 51 lakhs had been disbursed. Only a sum of Rs. 9 lakhs and odd was surrendered. Five tahsildars and 21 Revenue Inspectors were employed for this purpose. As we found money we were rushing to the rescue of peasants. The last allotment was made at the end of the year."

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 370–371 infra.